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Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations

Financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy

The General Assembly,

Recalling section XIV of its resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994,

Recalling also its decision 50/500 of 17 September 1996 on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 55/272 of 14 June 2001,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Reiterating the importance of establishing an accurate inventory of assets,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the facilities provided by the Government of Italy to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

2. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base;[1]

3. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[3]

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consider using national professional officers to the extent possible, and to report on such efforts in the context of his next performance report;

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1 A/56/760 and A/56/871.
2 A/56/887 and Add.10.
3 A/56/887/Add.10.

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5. *Reiterates* the need to implement, as a matter of priority, an effective inventory management standard, especially in respect of peacekeeping operations involving high inventory value;

Performance report for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001

6. *Takes note* of the financial performance report of the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;[4]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003

7. *Approves* the cost estimates for the United Nations Logistics Base amounting to 14,293,200 United States dollars for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003;

Financing of the cost estimates

8. *Decides* to apply the unencumbered balance of 1,562,400 dollars and other income of 643,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001 to the resources required for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003;

9. *Also decides* that the decrease in the staff assessment income of 148,100 dollars shall be set off against the unencumbered balance in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2001 referred to in paragraph 8 above;

10. *Further decides* to prorate the balance of 12,087,800 dollars among the individual active peacekeeping operation budgets to meet the financing requirements of the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003;

11. *Decides* to set off against the balance referred to in paragraph 10 above the estimated staff assessment income of 1,077,000 dollars for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, to be prorated among the individual active peacekeeping operation budgets;

12. *Also decides* to consider during its fifty-seventh session the question of the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base.

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[4] A/56/760.